

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 on page 15 of the application with the following paragraph:

-- **FIG. 3** is a gene alignment for β -lactamase-like genes, (1) *Enterobacter cloacae* (SEQ ID NO:1), (2) *Citrobacter freundii* (SEQ ID NO:2), (3) *Yershinia enterocolitica* (SEQ ID NO:3) and (4) *Klebsiella pneumonia* (SEQ ID NO:4). SWISPROT or TrEMBL accession numbers for the protein sequences and GenBank accession numbers for the DNA sequences are given. --

Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing for this application after page 87 and before the claims.

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